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utilized, will the Government take it that the High Power Committee is a failure and cannot meet the situation in which the handloom weavers are placed?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" I do not think that this scheme has been a failure. But in the light of the fact that a huge amount has not been utilized, we will reconsider the position."

DR. K. B. MENON:—" What is the percentage of weavers who are members of co-operative societies?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" I cannot say at the moment."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAM:—" Arising out of the Hon. the Minister's reply that some 8,000 weavers have joined the co-operative societies, I would like to know how many of them are Harijans?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" A fresh question may be put."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA:—" Is it a fact that wages have been reduced from six annas to five and a half annas for weavers who are working under the Relief Scheme?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" Not anything that I know of."

Legislation regarding inams.

* 337 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from (1) Badigandi Suryanarayana; (2) Badigandi Erakayya; (3) Butharayavalsa Ramudu; and (4) Aduri Ramudu, inamdars, requesting early legislation on inams providing fair compensation and right to personal cultivation in the case of small inamdars; and

(*b*) whether the Government have under contemplation any comprehensive legislation on inams?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Yes. The Government have examined the memorandum. They do not consider that legislation on the lines suggested therein is called for.

" (*b*) No."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" I can understand the Hon. the Minister saying that he does not propose to bring in legislation on the lines suggested by the petitioners. But why do not the Government, knowing all the troubles in the inam areas, think of a comprehensive legislation?"

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"They are proposing to have a legislation, Sir, to cover such cases wherein the High Court has said that the inams would not come under the definition of 'estate'."

SRI S. VEMIAH:—"When was this representation received by the Government, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I cannot exactly tell the date. But it was some time ago."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA:—"1949 వ సంవత్సరంలోనే ఈనాం రద్దు బిల్లును పాస్ చేస్తామని ప్రభుత్వం వాగ్దానం చేసింది. కాని ఇంతవరకు అలా చేయనందు వల్ల రైతులు ఎక్కువ కష్ట, నష్టాల పాలుగావలసి వస్తోంది అని ప్రభుత్వంవారికి తెలుసా? అయితే ఈ నాముల రద్దు బిల్లును వెంటనే తీసుకొని వస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I am aware of the difficulties of the ryots. That is why I am trying to bring in legislation."

SRI G. LATCHANNA:—"Does the Bill recently published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* contain this legislation, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I think that is not the Bill. It relates to some other subject."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—"In a recent press report it was said that the Government would come before this House with a comprehensive agrarian legislation. Can the Hon. Minister give us an idea of this legislation and when it will be brought in?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I am not responsible for the use of the word 'comprehensive' in the press report."

SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGIAH:—"ప్రభుత్వం తెచ్చే బిల్లు రైతులకు అనుకూలంగా ఉంటుందో లేక ఈనాందార్లకు అనుకూలంగా ఉంటుందో చెబుతారా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"For the benefit of the ryots, Sir."

Grant of permits by the Regional Transport Authority, Malabar.

* 338 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one P. Pachukutty applied for stage carriage permits to the Regional Transport Authority, Malabar, as early as October and November 1951 for the Calicut-Balusseri via Kakkodi route and Calicut-Perambra via Kakkodi and Balusseri route;

(*b*) whether in pursuance of those applications the Regional Transport Officer, Kozhikode, issued notifications under section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act inviting objections;